



BIOGRAPHY

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BRIGADIER GENERAL (DR.) DAVID G. YOUNG III

Brigadier General (Dr.) David G. Young III is Commander of the 59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, whose mission is to provide deployed and local healthcare, graduate medical education and clinical research — all designed to enhance Air Force readiness. He leads the Air Force's largest medical facility with a staff of 5,400 military, civilian, contract employees, residents and students. As the DoD MultiService Market Manager for San Antonio TRICARE, he oversees four medical treatment facilities in the San Antonio metropolitan area and directs a \$1.2 billion budget providing healthcare for more than 204,000 beneficiaries.

In his role as command surgeon, General Young supported the execution of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom by providing highly trained and superbly equipped healthcare teams to many operations support roles. He also served as Lead Agent for TRICARE Pacific and implemented comprehensive healthcare coverage for DoD members and their families in 43 countries, covering 13 time zones. As PACAF surgeon, he provided professional support, medical logistics and aeromedical support collaboratively with the Pacific Fleet surgeon in the successful recovery of U.S. Navy crew members following the mid-air collision near Hainan Island.



While serving as command surgeon for Pacific Air Forces, General Young initiated a top-down review of aeromedical operations, pioneering the adaptation and approval of the KC-135 as an aeromedical airframe asset. Further, he identified the need for and authorized the design requirements for patient care sets based on the 463L pallet – a prototype whose value was proven in the Pacific and subsequently brought to service with great success as Patient Support Pallets during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

General Young was born May 16, 1949, at Camp Cooke, Calif. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1971 with a bachelor of arts degree in biology. He was awarded the doctor of medicine degree from the University of Southern California in 1977 and was commissioned as a captain in the United States Air Force in December of that year. He completed residency training in internal medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1980. He entered the Air Force in July 1980 as a staff internist. The general is a chief flight surgeon with more than 800 hours in a wide variety of aircraft.

EDUCATION:

- 1971 Bachelor of arts degree in biology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- 1977 Doctor of medicine degree, University of Southern California, Los Angeles (Elected to Phi Kappa Phi, National Graduate Honor Society)

1980	Completed internship and residency in internal medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, ("Best Internist" award by MCW faculty)
1984	Aerospace Medicine Primary Course
1984	Air Command and Staff College
1988	Air War College
1991	Interagency Institute for Federal Healthcare Executives
1993	Group Commanders Course
2000	Medical CAPSTONE
2004	National Defense University CAPSTONE Fellow

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1980 - June 1986, internist, chief of internal medicine, chief of medicine, chief of aeromedical services and chief of hospital services, USAF Hospital, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.
2. June 1986 - June 1990, chief, Clinical Medicine Division, Air Training Command Surgeon, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
3. June 1990 - January 1994, chairman of medicine, director of hospital services, vice commander, Keesler USAF Medical Center, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
4. January 1994 - September 1995, commander, 4th Medical Group, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
5. September 1995 - June 1998, commander, 99th Medical Group, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and chief executive officer, Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital (VA-DoD Joint Venture Hospital)
6. October 1998 - October 1999, Lead Agent, TRICARE Pacific
7. June 1998 - June 2002, command surgeon, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
8. June 2002 - August 2004, Lead Agent, DoD Health Services Region IV
9. June 2002 - June 2005, commander, 81st Medical Group, 81st Training Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and senior market manager, TRICARE Gulf Coast Multi-Service Market
10. July 2005 - present, commander, 59th Medical Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas,

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Chief flight surgeon

Flight hours: More than 800

Aircraft flown: F-15E, E-3B, C-5, C-12, C-17, C-20, C-21, C-130, C-141, KC-10, KC-135, T-38, T-43, CH-47, HH-60

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

1980	Board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine
1987-1991	Society of Air Force Physicians Board of Governors
1988	Air Force Association Paul W. Myers Award for outstanding contributions to Air Force medicine
1988	Air Training Command Physician of the Year
1988-1992	Military consultant to the USAF Surgeon General for Internal Medicine
1993	Elected to Fellowship by the American College of Physicians

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service with five oak leaf clusters
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze star
Air Force Training Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1971 Member U.S. Rowing Team, Heavyweight Four with Coxswain
U.S. National Champion, 1968, 1969, 1971 University of Pa. and Vesper Boat Clubs, Heavyweight Eights
1997 Bronze Medal, Heavyweight Eights National Masters Championships
Founding president and Paul Harris Fellow for Rotary Clubs International
Father of two Eagle Scouts

PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

“Why People Are Mad at Doctors,” Editorial, Wisconsin State Medical Journal, 1979
“Eradication of Acquired Factor VIII Inhibitor in Hodgkins Disease Following Chemotherapy,” D.G. Young et al, American Federation for Clinical Research, Nov. 6, 1980, Pg. 373
“Star Trek, Federal Medicine and Meritocracy: Leading the Way into the Next Millennium,” The Interagency Institute Record, Volume 4, Nov. 1, Washington, D.C., Spring 1992
“Fiscal Medicine - A Success at Keesler Medical Center,” Medical Service Digest, March 1994
“Prevention of Carbon Monoxide Exposure in General & Recreational Aviation,” Aviation Space & Environmental Medicine, 2002: 73: 812-16

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Aug. 6, 1973
First Lieutenant	June 4, 1977
Captain	Dec. 9, 1977
Major	June 10, 1982
Lieutenant Colonel	Sept. 30, 1986 (Below promotion zone)
Colonel	Jan. 31, 1992 (Below promotion zone)
Brigadier General	Aug. 1, 2003